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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR DR. BOWES

REF: DACCA 4911

1. MESSAGE REFTEL PASSED NOVEMBER 8 TO DR. BOWES WHO HAD RECEIVED SAME MESSAGE BY DIRECT CABLE PREVIOUS EVENING. DR. BOWES SAID HE HAD REPLIED EXPLAINING INABILITY TO MAKE TRIP BECAUSE OF (A) LACK OF PERSONAL FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF TRAVEL AND NEW PACE-MAKER (PENDING REIMBURSEMENT), AND (B) HEAVY DEMANDS ON HIM AT TWO HOSPITALS IN MILWAUKEE WHERE HE IS JUNIOR MAN ON STAFF OF HEART SPECIALISTS. DR. BOWES ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE TRIP TO DACCA TWICE, AFTER NURUL ISLAM FAMILY HAD INSISTED ON HIS PRESENCE. IN THIS INSTANCE, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION NOT REQUIRED. HE WOULD PREFER THAT FAMILY NOT INSIST, AND THAT THEY FOLLOW HIS ADVICE TO SECURE SERVICES OF ONE OF TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS IN CALCUTTA (NAMES PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO FAMILY).

2. IF EMBASSY CAN BE HELPFUL IN REINFORCING RESPONSE DR. BOWES HAS GIVEN BY DIRECT CABLE, LATTER WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE. SHOULD FAMILY CONTINUE TO INSIST, SOME ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO PROVIDE ADVANCE FUNDS FOR FARE AND NEW PACE-MAKER. ONONE OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, DR. BOWES SOUGHT ASSISTANCE OF METHODIST AND

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES BUT APPEARS DISINCLINED TO SEEK
THEIR SUPPORT AGAIN. DR. BOWES SPOKE HIGHLY OF FAMILY
AND WAS CONFIDENT OF REIMBURSEMENT AS HAS OCCURRED IN THE
PAST. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED HIS OWN INABILITY TO MAKE
SIZEABLE CASH OUTLAY. IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH NURUL
ISLAM, YOU SHOULD PROBABLY EMPHASIZE EXTREMELY HEAVY
DEMANDS ON DR. BOWES AND AVOID CONVEYING ANY IMPRESSION
OF LESSENED INTEREST IN WELFARE OF NURUL ISLAM'S FATHER.

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